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Intelligently Classifying And Handling User

Requests In A Data System

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Respectfully submitted,

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### REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 28, 2004, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-19 remain pending in the application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,584,454 (Hummel, Jr. et al.) in view of commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,154,769 (Cherkasova et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed, as the Hummel and Cherkasova patents, considered individually or in the combination relied upon by the Examiner, fail to teach or suggest features set forth in independent claims 1, 9 and 14.

For example, neither of these patents generate a classification tag that is attached to a transaction response before it is returned to a requesting client. Such a tag can be used for scheduling requests from external clients.